

**TN409.12 Minimum standards for providers of Conservation Technical Assistance associated with planning that includes Prescribed Burning.**

(a) NRCS roles and certification requirements associated with Prescribed Burning are described in detail in GM 190-ECS Amendment TN3 (Part 413) dated February 16, 2006. Basically, this policy requires the following for certification.

(1) Level I Prescribed Burning Job Approval Authority – Conservation planner must have successfully completed 16 hours of Awareness Training to provide planning assistance and general information for the conservation practice standard Prescribed Burning, Code 338.

(2) Level II Prescribed Burning Job Approval Authority – Conservation planner must have successfully completed the NRCS – NEDC Prescribed Burning Course 000047 (Short Grass) or 000161 (Oak Savannah) or other course determined as acceptable by the State Conservationist. In addition, one site-specific plan prepared must be reviewed by another Level II planner.

(3) The State Resource Conservationist (SRC) will maintain a database of all Prescribed Burning Authority granted to field personnel through the Area Conservationist. The specific dates of required training received, employee name, employee position, and employee location will be provided with the recommendation from the Area Conservationist.

(4) The SRC will establish a renewal process for Prescribed Burning Job Approval Authority based on GM 190-ECS, Amendment TN3 (Part 413), dated February 16, 2006.